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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC).

DATES: The meeting will convene on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Astor Crowne Plaza New Orleans hotel, 739 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130; telephone: (504) 962-0560.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion in the individual meeting agenda are as follows:

**Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC) Agenda,
Wednesday, May 20, 2015, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.**

- I. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda
- II. Approval of the Standing and Special Reef Fish portion of the March 10 - 12, 2015
Standing, Special Spiny Lobster and Special Reef Fish SSC minutes
- III. Selection of SSC representative at June, 2015 Council meeting
- IV. Analysis of Alternative F_{MSY} proxies for Red Snapper
- V. Review of the effect of recalibrated recreational removals and recreational selectivity on estimates of overfishing limits (OFL), acceptable biological catch (ABC), and maximum sustainable yield (MSY) for Gulf red snapper
- VI. Evaluation of recent trends in gag catch per unit effort (CPUE) indices
- VII. Hogfish OFL and ABC
 - a. OFL and ABC recommendations for Gulf stock
 - b. Review of South Atlantic SSC OFL and ABC recommendations for Florida Keys/South Atlantic stock
- VIII. Mutton Snapper OFL and ABC
 - a. Review of Age-length Keys vs. Direct Age sensitivity runs
 - b. Review of South Atlantic SSC OFL and ABC recommendations
 - c. Gulf SSC concurrence or selection of alternative OFL and ABC
- IX. Other Business

- Adjourn -

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<https://public.gulfcouncil.org:5001/webman/index.cgi>, or go to the Council's website and click on the FTP link in the lower left of the Council website (<http://www.gulfcouncil.org>). The username

and password are both "gulfguest". Click on the "Library Folder", then scroll down to "SSC meeting -2015 - 05".

The meeting will be webcast over the internet. A link to the webcast will be available on the Council's website, <http://www.gulfcouncil.org>.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Scientific and Statistical Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Scientific and Statistical Committees will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Pereira at the Council Office (see **ADDRESSES**), at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

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Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 28, 2015.

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